Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

The original minutes for the period during which Kim Fernie - VE3EFW was Secretary Treasurer are not available. This, and other missing minutes have been complied from the relevant issue of High-O, Jim - VE3UA.

The February gathering was held on schedule on February 13 at the EMO Building, Fort William with the following attending:

Ray Forslund - VE3EDZ, Harry Blake, Hugh Elliott - VE3EDW, Adolph Karasiewicz, Frank Start - VE3AJ, Vic Bel, Bill Goodfellow - VE3GOD, Steve Pletko, Stan Chorley - VE3ECR, Dave Hunchak, Peter Boyle - VE3DPJ, Bill Unger, Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW, Mike Mitt, Hughie MacDonald; and the guest Les Harris - VE3AYZ, Kim Fernie - VE3EFW, of the evening, Mr. J. Alberts.

The financial report indicated a bank balance of \$95.33.

The pros and cons of soliciting paid advertising for High-Q to sustain it was discussed, with the general consensus being that it was necessary, if we are to hold our heads above water.

Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW reported on the ham classes taking place on Sundays at the EMO Building. Attendance has dropped off slightly but the majority of the original students are persevering and struggling with the code.

Finally, as the main item for this, Mr. J. Alberts of the Fort William Westgate Collegiate Vocational Institute gave a talk, illustrating with a projector, the basics of transistor theory. This method of teaching was very interesting, and could easily be used to clarify some sticky points to individuals trying to make sense out of the rather vague theory given in some texts. Of course, a good teacher is also quite important, and Mr. Alberts certainly is this. Our thanks for an interesting programme.

At the end of the proceedings, Bill Klemacki - VE3EEW showed the group the Heli-whip for 75 Metres, which has been donated to the Club by Dr. George Clarke - VE3CUX for mobile work. All that is needed is to devise some method of easily mounting the whip on any car, with a minimum of fuss, preferably on the bumper. Stan Chorley - VE3ECR suggested the acquisition of a chain-type bumper mount. The members are requested to come forth with any ideas they may have.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.